

# ★ VETERANS PRIDE

## WEARING YOUR MEDALS: A Statement of Patriotism

The Veterans Pride campaign was launched to promote veterans wearing their military medals on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July.

Beginning with Veterans Day 2006, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) joined with major veterans service organizations to bring veterans together across the country in a symbolic demonstration of unity and patriotism.

*Read more about Veterans Pride*  
[www.va.gov/veteranspride/](http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/)

### A Veteran's Story

*A veteran's military medals tell stories of service, sacrifice, bravery and accomplishment. Each story is as unique as the veteran who wears those medals.*

*Sharing them with family, friends and the public on Memorial Day allows*

*America's veterans to tell their stories to the entire nation and helps teach America's youth the true meaning of citizenship and freedom.*



*Miniature medals are one alternative that some veterans prefer for display.*

## REPLACEMENT MEDALS

Medals awarded while in active service are issued by the individual military services if requested by veterans or their next of kin. Requests for replacement medals, decorations, and awards should be directed to the branch of the military in which the veteran served. However, for Air Force (including Army Air Corps) and Army veterans, the National Personnel Records Center verifies awards and forwards requests and verification to appropriate services. More information is available at the VA Web site.

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**A call to veterans  
to wear medals on  
July 4th**



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